[21st July 1953

The Velliathur Dam Scheme in Kurumbranad taluk.

* 838 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Velliathur Dam Scheme (Kurumbranad taluk, Malabar) has been examined by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, when the Government will start the work?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) The feasibility of the proposal is being examined by the Public Works Department.

" (*b*) It cannot be said now whether the scheme will be sanctioned."

Taking over of the Seetharamapuram Estate in Udayagiri taluk by the Government.

* 839 *Q.*—SRI K. RAMAIAH CHOWDARY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Seetharampuram Estate in Udayagiri taluk, Nellore district, will be taken over by the Government; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) & (*b*) Seetharamapuram Estate in Udayagiri taluk, Nellore district, was notified to be taken over under the Estates Abolition Act on 7th September 1950. The landholder of this estate filed a C.M.P. (No. 7908/50) in the High Court questioning the validity of the Abolition Act. On 6th September 1950, the High Court issued an interim injunction order restraining the Government from taking over possession of the estate under the Abolition Act. The estate was therefore not taken over by the Government on the notified date, namely, 7th September 1950. The Civil Miscellaneous Petition was dismissed by the High Court on 8th September 1952. But before the disposal of the said Civil Miscellaneous Petition the landholder again filed a Writ Petition No. 40 of 1952 in the High Court. With reference to this petition, the High Court in its order, dated 14th February 1952 has restrained the Government from taking any further proceedings under the Abolition Act in respect of Seetharamapuram Estate pending disposal of the Writ Petition No. 40 of 1952 on its file. The Government are therefore, not in a position to take over although it was notified to be taken over nearly 2½ years ago. The estate will be taken over by the Government after the stay is vacated by the High Court."